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February 5, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 8, 2003, kindly enter the remarks.

#### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

On July 25, 2003, an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed in this application. However, an initialed and dated copy of the July 25, 2003 Form PTO-1449 was not returned to the offices of the undersigned with the September 8, 2003 Official Action. Please check the file of the above-identified application and return an initialed and dated copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the next Official Communication, so that our file is complete in this regard.

INITED STATES ATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Atty Dkt. 2764-38 In re Patent Application **4** ∨ C# TC/A.U. de Almeida Serial No. 08/859,353 Examiner: K. Lee # 32 Date: February 5, 2004 May 20, 1997 Filed: GAS FLOW CONTROL DEVICE Title: RECEIVED FFB 1 3 2004 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. □ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment minus highest number 0.00 \$ 18.00 (at least 20) =0 previously paid for 20 minus highest number Independent claims after amendment 5 0.00 previously paid for (at least 3) =0 Х \$ 86.00 5 0.00 If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper) Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this \$ paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months) 420.00 \$ 0.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$770.00) Please enter the previously unentered , filed Submission attached Subtotal \$ 420.00 -\$ 0.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith \$ 0.00 Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) 0.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 0.00 Other: TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 420.00 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C. By Atty: Michelle N. Lester, Reg. No. 32,331 Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100 MNL:sli

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